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SUBJECT: SYRIAN PRESS REPORTS OF ISRAEL EXPULSION ISSUE

1. AUGUST 26 SYRIAN PRESS REPORTED STATEMENT BY FONMIN KHADDAM IN LIMA CRITICAL OF SINAI ACCORD AS STEP TOWARD WAR. KHADDAM STATED THAT "WE WANT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS AND THE RESTORATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHTS WITHOUT CONDITIONS SUCH AS ISRAEL IS NOW IMPOSING UNDER U.S. SUPERVISION. ANY STEP LESS THAN THAT CONSTITUTES A STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF WAR."

2. NEWS REPORT ALSO QUOTED SYRIAN MFA OFFICIAL ACCOMPANYING KHADDAM AS STATING THAT "THE ARAB STATES HAVE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A DRAFT RESOLUTION URGING THE NON-ALLIGNED STATES TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION EXPELLING ISRAEL FROM THE UN."

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OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT HIS STATEMENT WAS AIMED AT RECTIFYING

INCORRECT IMPRESSIONS WHICH SUGGESTED ARAB STATES WERE DIVIDED
ON ISSUE OF EXPELLING ISRAEL FROM UN.

3. COMMENT: HARD LINE OF KHADDAM'S CRITICISM OF SINAI ACCORD
IS IN CHARACTER AND SHARPEST OF ANY PUBLIC COMMENT WE HAVE
HEARD CONCERNING CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BY SYRIAN OFFICIAL.
SIGNIFICANT POINT IS THAT THIS IS FIRST SUCH COMMENT TO BE
PUBLISHED HERE.
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